

Summer Assignment Part 2 – Book Review Note Catcher

Fill in the blanks and answer the series of questions in the space provided. Your answers will help you draft a book review in the Fall, to be counted toward a major grade in the 1st marking period.

Title of the Book I Read: _____

Author of the Book I Read: _____

Section A -- Hook: Capture Your Audience's Attention

1. In the space below, copy word for word, a brief snapshot (say, approximately 1 short paragraph or 5-8 sentences) of one scene in the book that you remember well. The scene can be memorable because you find it funny, exciting, strange, or sad, etc.

Section B -- Summary: Tell Us About the Story

3. Who is telling the story? A character in the story, or an “outside” narrator NOT in the story?
4. What is the name of the main character -- or one of the main characters -- in the story?
5. Provide some descriptions of the main character’s appearance and background that might help readers visualize the character.
6. Describe the main character’s personality at the start or the earlier parts of the story.
7. Where does the story take place, in general and/or in particular?
8. When does the story take place, in general and/or in particular?
9. Describe the environment that the main character is in. What type of place or time period is it?

10. What does the main character desire? How do you know? (You may want to copy details from the book that show the character's desire.)

11. What prevents the main character from achieving what he or she desires? How do you know? (You may want to copy details from the book that show the obstacles that the character faces.)

12. As a result, what does the main character do or how does the main character react?

13. What else happens later in the story?

14. Describe the most exciting or suspenseful moment in the story.

15. Why was it the most exciting or suspenseful moment?

16. In the end, does the main character achieve what he or she desires? Why or why not?

17. What important lesson about life can readers learn from the main character's success or failure in achieving his or her desires?

Section C -- Opinion and Recommendation: Tell us who might enjoy the book.

17. What about the book or which parts of it did you enjoy? Please explain.

18. What about the book or which parts of it did you NOT enjoy as much? Please explain.

19. Think of other readers you know (such as classmates, friends, siblings, family, or relatives). Who and what type of person might enjoy reading the book? Please explain.

20. Think of other books you've read or shows/movies you've watched within the past three years. Which books or shows/movies does the summer reading book remind you of?